

TRAITÉ DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS

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RAPPORT PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL SUR LA BREVETABILITÉ (chapitre I du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets)

(règle 44bis du PCT)

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire 346872 D20831	POUR SUITE À DONNER		Voir le point 4 ci-dessous
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Classification internationale des brevets (8 ^e édition, sauf indication d'une édition antérieure) Voir les informations pertinentes dans le formulaire PCT/ISA/237			
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1. Le présent rapport préliminaire international sur la brevetabilité (chapitre I) est établi par le Bureau international au nom de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale selon la règle 44bis.1.a).

2. Ce RAPPORT comprend un total de 5 feuilles, y compris la présente feuille de couverture.

Dans les feuilles jointes, toute référence à l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale doit être entendue, à la place, comme une référence au rapport préliminaire international sur la brevetabilité (chapitre I).

3. Le présent rapport contient des indications relatives aux points suivants :

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cadre n° I	Base de l'opinion
<input type="checkbox"/> Cadre n° II	Priorité
<input type="checkbox"/> Cadre n° III	Absence de formulation d'opinion quant à la nouveauté, l'activité inventive et la possibilité d'application industrielle
<input type="checkbox"/> Cadre n° IV	Absence d'unité de l'invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cadre n° V	Déclaration motivée selon l'article 35.2) quant à la nouveauté, l'activité inventive et la possibilité d'application industrielle; citations et explications à l'appui de cette déclaration
<input type="checkbox"/> Cadre n° VI	Certains documents cités
<input type="checkbox"/> Cadre n° VII	Certaines irrégularités relevées dans la demande internationale
<input type="checkbox"/> Cadre n° VIII	Certaines observations relatives à la demande internationale

4. Le Bureau international communiquera le présent rapport aux offices désignés conformément aux règles 44bis.3.c) et 93bis.1 mais pas avant l'expiration du délai de 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité (règle 44bis.2), sauf si le déposant a présenté une requête expresse à cet égard en vertu de l'article 23.2).

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 346872 D20831		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below	
International application No. PCT/FR2004/002793	International filing date (day/month/year) 29.10.2004	Priority date (day/month/year) 31.10.2003	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC C07H3/06, C07H15/04, C08B37/00, A61K31/70, A61K31/715, A61K31/48			
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. I	Basis of the opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. II	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VI	Certain documents cited
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII	Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I	Basis of this opinion
	<p>1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).</p> <p>2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:</p> <p>a. type of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> table(s) related to the sequence listing</p> <p>b. format of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in written format</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in computer readable form</p> <p>c. time of filing/furnishing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> contained in the international application as filed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> filed together with the international application in computer readable form.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.</p> <p>4. Additional comments:</p>

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-26	YES
	Claims	---	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-26	YES
	Claims	---	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-26	YES
	Claims	---	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

1. Reference is made to the following documents in the present notification:

D1: US-A-5 635 612 (KAHNE DANIEL E) 3 June 1997 (1997-06-03)

D2: BEDINI E ET AL: "Oligomerization of a rhamnamic trisaccharide repeating unit of O-chain polysaccharides from phytopathogenic bacteria" TETRAHEDRON LETTERS, ELSEVIER SCIENCE PUBLISHERS, AMSTERDAM, NL, vol. 43, no. 49, 2 December 2002 (2002-12-02), pages 8879-8882, XP004391857 ISSN: 0040-4039

D3: ZHU Y., KONG F., SYNLETT, no. 12, 2000, pages 1783-1787, XP001205161

Novelty and inventive step:

Method claims:

Given that no document of the prior art appears to describe or even suggest the one-step synthesis of oligorhamnose(s) by self-condensation of monomers in acetonitrile, followed by recovery, after precipitation, of the oligomers formed, claims 1-11 meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3).

Claims of compounds and uses thereof:

Given that it does not appear to be possible to define the structure of the oligomers obtained other than by the method of production (random mixture) and that the prior art cited (D1-D3) appears to

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describe only controlled syntheses, claims 12-24 and 25-26 meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3).

Industrial applicability:

Claims 1-26 meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(4).